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Keystone XL Press Clips for October 20, 2011

Democratic lawmakers pressure Obama administration on both sides of Keystone pipeline issue (Washington Post)

Democratic lawmakers, split over whether to support a massive oil pipeline crossing the U.S.-Canada border, continue to lobby the Obama administration on both sides of the question.
http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/democratic-lawmakers-pressure-obama-administration-on-both-sides-of-keystone-pipeline-issue/2011/10/19/gIQAJ8kVyL_story.html

TransCanada Boosts Pipeline Safety Measures to Appease Nebraska (Wall Street Journal)

TransCanada Corp. has attempted to appease Nebraska lawmakers by adding increased safety measures to a section of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline system that crosses the state's large underground water system.
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204479504576639804184346640.html>

Safety steps may head off pipeline (Omaha World Herald)

The top officer of the Nebraska Legislature is now saying that because of the legal risks, state lawmakers should not hold a special session next month to deal with the controversial Keystone XL pipeline.
<http://www.omaha.com/article/20111019/NEWS01/710199946/1661>

Keystone pipeline defended by U.S. senator (CBC News)

Republican Lisa Murkowski, a senator from Alaska perhaps best-known for her legendary feuds with former governor Sarah Palin, said on Wednesday she was "stunned" at the opposition to Keystone XL given it would transport a much-needed source of energy to the United States from a trusted friend and trading partner.
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/story/2011/10/19/transcanada-keystone-xl-pipeline.html>

Robert Redford emerges as new anti-Keystone star (Financial Post)

Hollywood superstar Robert Redford has come out against the Keystone XL Pipeline, as environmentalists continue to recruit celebrities to draw attention to their concerns surrounding the project.
<http://business.financialpost.com/2011/10/19/robert-redford-emerges-as-new-anti-keystone-star/>

Sanders, State Dept. meeting on pipeline allegations (Politico)

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) is meeting with the State Department on Wednesday amid conflict of interest allegations regarding the department's environmental review of TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/66397.html>

State Department eyes Keystone XL concerns (UPI)

The U.S. State Department said it was reviewing lawmakers' concerns about a potential conflict of interest in the review of the Keystone XL pipeline.

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2011/10/20/State-Department-eyes-Keystone-XL-concerns/UPI-85181319109122/

Nebraska backs away from Keystone XL route law (Reuters)

Legislation proposed in Nebraska to force TransCanada Corp to move the route of its \$7 billion Keystone XL oil pipeline would not likely hold up in court, so lawmakers should scrap plans for a special session to pass it, the state's top senator said on Wednesday.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/19/transcanada-keystonexl-nebraska-idUSN1E79I0YK20111019>

Scripps Howard adds to Keystone XL debate (UPI)

The Scripps Howard news agency said now was the time to build a pipeline like the controversial Keystone XL pipeline from Canada.

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2011/10/19/Scripps-Howard-adds-to-Keystone-XL-debate/UPI-13191319025976/

TransCanada offers Nebraska concessions for pipeline (Reuters)

TransCanada Corp has offered a \$100 million performance bond and other oil spill protection measures to Nebraska legislators in an attempt to reduce opposition to the company's proposed \$7 billion Keystone XL oil pipeline.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFN1E79H22420111018>

Energy economist supports Keystone pipeline project (The Oklahoman)

The controversial Keystone XL pipeline may have minor environmental challenges, but approving it makes greater political and economic sense, an energy industry expert said Wednesday.

<http://newsok.com/energy-economist-supports-keystone-pipeline-project/article/3615109>

Robert Redford weighs in on oilsands pipeline debate (Toronto Sun)

Actor Robert Redford is the latest opposing voice to squash the Keystone XL pipeline project.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2011/10/19/robert-redford-wades-in-on-oilsands-pipeline-debate>

EPA to Weigh In on State Dept's Contentious Keystone Review Any Day Now (InsideClimate)

EPA has slammed the State Dept's earlier draft reviews. Pipeline opponents are counting on the agency to be as tough on the final assessment.

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20111019/epa-lisa-jackson-state-department-contentious-keystone-xl-environmental-review-hillary-clinton-transcanada>

Robert Redford no scientist: Canada energy minister (Reuters)

Canada's energy minister took a shot at one of Hollywood's most accomplished actors and directors on Wednesday, saying Robert Redford does not have the credentials to speculate on the environmental impact of the controversial Keystone XL pipeline.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/10/19/canada-redford-idUSN1E79113Z20111019>

Rep. Waxman Again Requests Investigation of Koch Connection to Keystone XL Pipeline (Inside Climate News)

Waxman cites legal papers filed by a Koch subsidiary, uncovered by InsideClimate News, in which it claimed a 'substantial' interest in the pipeline.

<http://insidclimatenews.org/news/20111018/henry-waxman-koch-industries-brothers-flint-connection-keystone-xl-pipeline-oil-sands-upton-whitfield>

Baldwin suggests new protest against Keystone pipeline (Toronto Sun)

Actor Alec Baldwin is encouraging activists involved in the Occupy Wall Street movement to take their demonstrations to Omaha, Neb., to protest against plans to construct a major new oil pipeline across the country.

<http://www.torontosun.com/2011/10/19/baldwin-suggests-new-protest-against-keystone-pipeline>

Opinion: The Keystone XL Energy Project Is Much More Than A Pipe Dream (Forbes)

A recent study from researchers at Cornell University presented some curious findings on the economic impact of Keystone XL, a proposed multibillion dollar extension linking Canada's rich supply of crude oil to major U.S. refining hubs.

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/robertbradley/2011/10/19/the-keystone-xl-energy-project-is-much-more-than-a-pipe-dream/>

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